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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action with a date of mailing of August 19, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The three month statutory period from response expires on November 19, 2003. Therefore, this response is being submitted in a timely manner.

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